

Memorandum



Date: October 10, 2023

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Marialaura Leslie, Interim Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-68 / Paramedia, LLC - South Dade Transitway Corridor / Addendum III

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RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM III TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH PARAMEDIA, LLC (LEAD ARTIST ERWIN REDL) IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$120,000.00 FOR ADDITIONAL FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE LIGHT-BASED ARTWORK AT THE SOUTH DADE TRANSITWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS PUBLIC ART FUNDS)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve Addendum III to the Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Paramedia, LLC (lead artist Erwin Redl) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$120,000.00 for additional fabrication and installation services for the light-based artwork for the South Dade Transitway Corridor project.

Background

On May 10, 2022, through approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 22-20, the Trust authorized a Professional Artist Services Agreement with Paramedia, LLC (lead artist Erwin Redl) in the initial amount of \$45,000.00 for design development of his proposal concept for a light-based artwork installation in one or more typical BRT stations along the South Dade Transitway Corridor project. A major transportation improvement project undertaken by the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) through the design-build firm of OHLA. In close collaboration with APP staff, DTPW, and the client's executive team, the artist completed the design of a series of light-based colored acrylic LED panels to be installed in the interior upper sections of the station's glazing system. The dynamic design aimed to transform the architecture of the station into a playful and inviting colored light box that visually interacts and responds to the movement of buses along the transitway corridor. The first designated location to receive the artwork is the BRT station located at SW 104th Street which is also the first and northernmost station in the 20-mile bus corridor.

Consequently, on March 14, 2023, given the project's accelerated construction schedule and the successful completion and acceptance by all project teams of the artist's full size artwork mockup, the Trust approved Resolution No. APPT 23-19 authorizing Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement with Paramedia, LLC in the not-to-exceed amount of \$255,000.00 for fabrication and installation of the approved artist's design at the designated BRT station. In addition, the Trust directed APP staff to negotiate with the artist to expand his light-based artwork installation to two (2) additional stations along the corridor contingent on the availability of additional and unencumbered

APP project funds.

On May 9, 2023, the Trust approved Resolution No. APPT 23-32 authorizing Addendum II to the Professional Artists Services Agreement with Paramedia, LLC in the amount of \$240,000.00 for expansion of the artwork to two additional BRT stations located at SW 112th Avenue (Allapattah Rd) and SW 244 Street (Coconut Palm Drive). The selection of the new stations was based not only on the flexibility of their completion schedules, but also on ridership volume and visual prominence of these stations' locations from vehicular traffic on US1.

As expected from the start of the South Dade Corridor art projects, the integration of the light-base artwork at these 3 BRT stations generated a proposed change order from OHLA, the DTPW project's design-build firm, of nearly \$250,000.00 for modifications to the BRT's existing glazing, electrical, and structural systems. Through tough negotiations with OHLA, APP staff were able to reduce the change order to \$119,572.20 or approximately \$40,000.00 of additional costs per station. Given the advance stage of the project implementation and the high expectations of this artwork by our partners at DTPW and the surrounding communities to these BRT stations, APP proposes to fund this budget increase with unencumbered funds from the DTPW- APP pool of funds generated by other DTPW improvement projects.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-68 authorizing Addendum III to the Professional Artist Services Agreement with Paramedia, LLC (lead artist Erwin Redl) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$120,000.00 for additional fabrication and installation services for the light-based artwork project at three (3) BRT stations along the South Dade Transitway Corridor.